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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7786

BILL NUMBER: SB 354

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 19, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Visitability Standards in Building Codes.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Lawson C

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission to adopt standards by rule regarding visitability features in new construction of dwellings. It provides that if a person contracts with a designer or a builder to construct a visitability feature in new construction, the designer and the builder must comply with the standards adopted by the Commission.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission is funded through the Fire and Building Services Fund, a dedicated fund with revenues from fees for design release, inspections, and permits. The Council of American Building Officials (CABO) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) have developed model code for accessibility which is, in part, applicable to 1- and 2-family dwellings. The research and draft preparation duties associated with adopting or revising any building code by the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission should be within the scope of duties of current employees of the Department of Fire and Building Services.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Fire and Building Services, Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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